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TO: Administrators, Facilities that Treat Individuals for Psychoactive
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FROM: Dennis L. Gibbs, Director
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SUBJECT: Provider-Wide Exception – Fire Drill Records

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Section 1604.B of Regulation 61-93, Standards for Licensing Facilities That Treat Individuals for Psychoactive Substance Abuse or Dependence, pertaining to requirements for fire drills, require that "Records of drills shall be maintained at the facility, indicating the date, time, shift, description, and evaluation of the drill, and the names of staff, volunteers and clients directly involved in responding to the drill."

In the interest of establishing reasonable standards that can be met by providers and yet do not compromise the health and well-being of the clients of facilities that treat individuals for psychoactive substance abuse or dependence, it has been determined that alternative standards will be considered as acceptable.

All facilities that treat individuals for psychoactive substance abuse or dependence will be required to meet the standard outlined in the licensing standards, i.e., R61-93, Section 1604.B, that require records of fire drill to contain the **names** of clients involved in responding to the fire drill, or, as an alternative:

"Records of drills shall be maintained at the facility, indicating the date, time, shift, description, and evaluation of the drill, and the names of staff and volunteers and **numbers** of clients directly involved in responding to the drill."

This exception applies to any psychoactive substance abuse or dependence facility licensed by the Department. It relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please call George Moore at (803) 545-4232 or Kevin Ridenour at 803) 545-4214.

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